

Daniel - Lesson 8

“ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God” Daniel 8

Day 1 – Read Daniel 8

Pray: God's Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

Read Again: Daniel 8:1-7

1) When does Daniel 8 occur?

2) What happens to Daniel?

How long has it been since the last vision?

3) What is the first thing Daniel sees?

What did this animal have, and what was interesting about them?

What was he doing, and what was he like?

- 4) What was the second thing Daniel saw (vs. 5)?

What was interesting about him?

What was he doing?

- 5) What happened between the two animals?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 8:8-17

- 6) What happened in the end to the ram and the goat?

- 7) What happens in Daniel 8:9?

What does the little horn do?

8) What is “the glorious land” referencing?

9) What question is asked in Daniel 8:13?

What is the answer given?

Application: How are these hopeful words amid a disturbing vision?

10) Who came to interpret the dream for Daniel?

How did Daniel respond to his presence?

What words does he hear?

Day 3 – Read Daniel 8:18-25

11) In Daniel 8:18, what happened to Daniel?

How does Gabriel respond?

12) Note what all of these represent in Daniel's vision.

Ram _____

Goat _____

Great horn between his eyes _____

Broken horn, 4 others arose _____

13) List all the things, found in Daniel 8:23-25, the king who arises does. (These verses expand the identity and actions of the little horn introduced earlier in Daniel 8:19.)

- 14) **Application:** Notice the phrases “but not by his own power” (Daniel 8:24) and “but by no human hand” (Daniel 8:25). Who is in control? Who has all the power?

What do we learn about this from the following verses:

Psalms 22:28 –

Psalms 99:1 –

Proverbs 21:1 –

Isaiah 14:26-27 –

Daniel 2:21 –

Revelation 15:3 –

Application: How do we, as Christians in our world today, lose sight of this truth?

Day 4 – Read Daniel 8:18-27

- 15) **Application:** The Lord is showing and telling Daniel about things that will happen in the future, things written on the pages of our history books. What do you learn about God and His relation to history from Daniel's visions?

Application: How are you comforted and encouraged by that?

Application: How helpful and loving would this be to Daniel, even though he does not know all the details?

- 16) What instructions were given to Daniel according to Daniel 8:26 and for what reason?

- 17) According to Daniel 8:27, what was Daniel's initial response to the vision?

Why do you think he responded this way?

Application: Sinclair Ferguson writes that Daniel's "life was physically and emotionally bound up with the lasting prosperity of God's kingdom." Is that true of you? Why or why not?

- 18) Then, according to Daniel 8:27, what did Daniel do in the midst of his shock and confusion, not having all the answers?

Application: How are you challenged or encouraged by this?

Day 5 – Read 2 Corinthians 3:18-5:6

- 19) Spend some time today reading 2 Corinthians 3:18 – 5:6. Notice the “we do not lose heart” phrases. Make notes about why we should not lose heart.

Write Galatians 6:9-10 below.

Pray that we will be people of good courage, faithfully going about the King’s business.